

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the digital image is a digital photographic image.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the at least two of a plurality of different sources include a photo editing application, a digital device interface application, and a shell extension.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the external network entity includes at least one of a server, photofinishing lab and third party fulfillment house.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein the image-related service generates at least one of photographs and merchandise with photographs imprinted thereon.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein  
said step of uploading delays uploading the digital image until an order for a plurality of digital images is complete.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, further comprising:  
checking the digital image for image quality.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 33, wherein the at least two of a plurality of different sources include a photo editing application, a digital device interface application, a shell extension, and the external network entity.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 37, wherein the digital image is a digital photographic image.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 38, wherein the at least two of a plurality of different sources include a photo editing application, a digital device interface application, and a shell extension.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 37, wherein the ordering information includes pricing and merchandise availability.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 37, wherein the external network entity includes at least one of a server, photofinishing lab and third party fulfillment house.

15. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 37, wherein the image-related service generates at least one of photographs and merchandise with photographs imprinted thereon.

16. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 37, wherein the uploading code segment delays uploading the digital image until an order for a plurality of digital images is complete.

17. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 37, further comprising:  
a checking code segment for checking the digital image for image quality.

18. (Previously Presented) The computer program of claim 38, wherein the at least two of a plurality of different sources include a photo editing application, a digital device interface application, a shell extension, and the external network entity.

19. - 27. (Cancelled).

28. (Previously Presented) A network photo print system, comprising:  
a user station, capable of running  
a camera/scanner applications program for supplying first image data to the user station,  
a photo editing applications program for supplying second image data to the user station,  
an operating system, including an operating system desktop shell interface and an extension to the operating system desktop shell interface, the shell extension supplying third image data to the user station, wherein the shell extension is capable of facilitating an order, and  
a network access protocol module capable of receiving any one of the first, second, and third image data, receiving order and merchandise availability information from an external network entity; processing the order based on any one of the first, second, and third image data, and outputting any one the first, second, and third image data;  
a network sales/order processing server for receiving the order and for receiving any one the first, second, and third image data image data from the user station after receiving the order; and  
a photofinishing lab for producing photographic-quality prints images based on the order and any one the first, second, and third image data from the network sales/order processing server.

29. (Previously Presented) The network photo print system of claim 28, wherein said network access protocol module delays the outputting any one the first, second, and third image data to said network sales/order processing server until the order for a plurality of images is complete.

30. (Original) The network photo print system of claim 28, wherein the extension to the operating system desktop shell interface permits a user of the user station to initiate an order directly from a system file level of the operating system, without invoking an additional application program.

31. (Original) The network photo print system of claim 28, wherein said network access protocol module is a plug-in module.

32. (Previously Presented) A method of on-line ordering of image-related services, comprising:

receiving, at a user station, a digital image;

establishing a network connection between said user station and an external network entity;

accessing an application at the external network entity through the network connection;

exchanging ordering information, between said user station and said external network entity after accessing the application at the external network entity, for an image-related service for said digital image; and

uploading said digital image to said external network entity or another external network entity subsequent to exchanging all ordering information.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein said user station receives digital images from at least two of a plurality of different sources.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 49, wherein said user station receives said digital image using the shell extension of an operating system to access said digital image from a file system.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 32, wherein  
said user station displays a locally stored thumbnail image corresponding to said digital image while said ordering information is exchanged between said user station and said external network entity.

36. (Cancelled).

37. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied in a computer-readable medium for on-line ordering of image-related services, comprising:

a receiving code segment for receiving, at a user station, a digital image;

a network connection code segment for establishing a network connection between said user station and an external network entity;

an accessing code segment for accessing an application at the external network entity through the network;

an ordering code segment for exchanging ordering information, between said user station and said external network entity after accessing the application at the external network entity, for an image-related service for said digital image; and

an uploading code segment for uploading said digital image to said external network entity or another external network entity subsequent to exchanging all ordering information.

38. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 37, wherein  
said user station receives digital images from at least two of a plurality of different sources.

39. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 37, wherein said computer program embodied on said computer-readable medium further comprises:

a display code segment for displaying on said user station a locally stored thumbnail image corresponding to said digital image while said ordering information is exchanged between said user station and said external network entity.

40. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 39, wherein said computer program embodied on said computer-readable medium further comprises:

a thumbnail image transmitting code segment for sending, to said external network, a pointer to said thumbnail image locally stored at said user station.

41. - 45. (Cancelled).

46. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 28, wherein said user station displays a locally stored thumbnail image corresponding to any one of the first, second, and third image data while sending ordering information to said network sales/order processing server.

47. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 46, wherein said network access protocol module sends said network sales/order processing server a pointer to said thumbnail image locally stored at said user station.

48. (Previously Presented) The invention of claim 37, wherein  
said user station receives said digital image using a shell extension of an operating system to access said digital image from a file system.

49. (Previously Presented) The method of on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim 32, wherein the step of establishing a network connection between the user station and the external network entity further comprises:

initiating an application at a network access protocol module through an extension to an operating system desktop shell interface.

50. (Previously Presented) The method of on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim 32, wherein the digital image data may be received from at least one of a digital device interface applications program, a photo editing applications program, and the shell extension.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim 32, wherein the step of exchanging ordering information further comprises:

providing at least one pointer to a thumbnail file representing at least one of the images of the digital image data.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim 32, wherein the step of exchanging ordering information further comprises:

providing information related to the resolution of the digital image data.

53. (Previously Presented) The computer-program embodied in the computer-readable medium for on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim 37, wherein code segment for establishing a network connection between the user station and the external network entity further comprises:

an initiating code segment for initiating an application at a network access protocol module through an extension to an operating system desktop shell interface.

54. (Previously Presented) The computer-program embodied in the computer-readable medium for on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim 37, wherein the digital image data may be received from at least one of a digital device interface applications program, a photo editing applications program, and the shell extension.

55. (Currently Amended) The computer-program embodied in the computer-readable medium for on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim ~~32~~37, wherein the code segment for exchanging ordering information further comprises:

a code segment for providing at least one pointer to a thumbnail file representing at least one of the images of the digital image data.

56. (Currently Amended) The computer program embodied in the computer-readable medium for on-line ordering of image-related services as recited in claim ~~32~~37, wherein the code segment for exchanging ordering information further comprises:

a code segment for providing information related to the resolution of the digital image data.

57.– 60. (Cancelled)